

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method of desalinating agricultural water in a field, including disposing a plurality of desalinating units upon said field water, maintaining in each said unit a wicking structure including a wick lower end immersed in said field water and an upper end in wicking communication with said wick lower end, providing a primary mirror in each unit ~~adapted to~~ for reflecting solar radiation incident upon said unit onto said wick upper end, evaporating from said wick upper end solar distilled field water, and returning said solar-distilled field water to said field ~~water~~ while retaining the saline content of said field water in said wick.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33, including also separating said wick from said wicking structure, cleansing said wick of accumulated salts, and reusing said wick to collect saline content from ~~standing~~ field water.

35. (Original) The method according to claim 33, including also floating said units upon said field water.

36. (Original) The method according to claim 33, including also maintaining a

translucent cover above said wick upper end, and condensing said ~~evaporated~~ solar-distilled field water on the underside of said cover, said cover being shaped to return said condensed water to said field water away from said wick.

37. (Currently Amended) A method of desalinating agricultural water in a field, including distributively arranging a multiplicity of individual desalinating units in field water for continually removing saline content from said field ~~surface~~ water, providing within said units a wicking structure including a wick having a lower end portion to be immersed in said field water and an upper end portion, providing a solar energy collection structure about said wick upper end portion, said structure including a primary mirror, collecting incident solar energy and redirecting it to said wick upper end portion in wick-contained water evaporating relation with said primary mirror, providing an evaporated water collector to collect and condense said ~~evaporated~~ solar-distilled field water in saline content-free relation, and returning said condensed water to said field water.

38. (Original) The desalinating method according to claim 37, including supporting said wick with a bracket, and supporting said primary mirror with said bracket.

39. (Currently Amended) The desalinating method according to claim 37, including also providing as said water collector a light-passing dome opposed to said primary mirror and ~~adapted~~ arranged to pass incident solar radiation to said primary mirror.

40. (Currently Amended) The desalinating method according to claim 37, including also redirecting with a secondary mirror enclosed within said dome solar energy reflected by said primary mirror ~~a secondary mirror~~ onto said wick upper end portion.

41. (Currently Amended) The desalinating method according to claim ~~39~~ 37, including also said dome returning ~~defining~~ condensed water to said field water.

42. (Currently Amended) The desalinating method according to claim 37, including also providing opposite said primary mirror a lens defined by ~~said a dome~~ that reemits all angles of incident light from said lens primarily normal to said lens.

43. (Currently Amended) An in situ desalinating method including arranging a multiplicity of hand-carryable, individual desalinating units floating in field surface water for continually removing saline content from said field surface water, providing in each said unit a wicking structure including a wick having a lower end portion immersed in said field surface water and an upper end portion out of said field surface water, providing a solar energy collection structure ~~circumjacent at~~ said wick upper end portion including a lens and primary mirror system ~~adapted~~ arranged to collect incident solar energy and redirect it to the upper end portion of said wick in wick-contained water evaporating relation, providing an evaporated water collector including a cover above said wick upper end portion arranged to condense evaporated water in saline content-free relation and return said condensed water to said field surface water-circumjacent ~~of said wick~~, said cover defining said solar collection lens, and returning said

condensed water to said ~~field~~ field surface water.

44. (Original) The desalinating method according to claim 43, in which said water collector comprises a light-passing dome, and including also said dome defining said solar collection structure lens opposite said primary mirror for passing incident solar radiation to said primary mirror, providing a secondary mirror arranged within said dome lens, and redirecting with said secondary mirror solar energy reflected upward by said primary mirror onto said wick upper end portion.

45. (Currently Amended) The desalinating method according to claim 43, including providing condensed water flow paths from said dome past said primary mirror and to said field surface water.

Add the following claim

46. (New) The desalinating method according to claim 33, including also redirecting with a secondary mirror reflected by said primary mirror onto said wick upper end.